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Today's Scripture Passage: Ephesians 3:14-21

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14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, **15** from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. **16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Questions:

1. Paul is praying in this passage. Does Paul's prayer include a dimension that our prayers are missing? Is there a difference between what we do pray for and what we could pray for? What is it?
2. How does the Spirit "strengthen our inner man?" Why? What difference does it make in our lives?
3. Why is it difficult to comprehend the love of Christ?
4. Cite an instance when the Glory of God shone through Crossroads Church. Cite an instance when The Glory of God shone through you personally.

Prayers:

1. Ask God to empower us/you to Glorify Him.
2. Ask God to help us respond with gratitude that's appropriate to His great love for us.
3. Ask God to mature our Crossroads family so that His Glory shines regularly through us.

Action:

1. This passage includes our memory verse for this series on Ephesians. Continue to work on memorizing Eph. 3:21.